

DEC 16 2002

PTO/SB/30 (8/2000)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995,
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/253,810
Filing Date	February 19, 1999
First Named Inventor	Jeffrey W. Bruner
Group Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	C. Juska
Attorney Docket Number	21530-B USA

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 14, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.


- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$370.00)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$460.00)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ **830.00** enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type)	Joshua B. Slavitt	Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)	40,816
Signature		Date	December 10, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Name (Print / Type)	Patricia M. Frisoli	Date	December 10, 2002
Signature			

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.**

12/17/2002 AKWDAF1 00000058 09253810

01 FC:2801

370.00 OP

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Jeffrey W. Bruner

Docket No.
21530B USASerial No.
09/253,810Filing Date
February 19, 1999Examiner
C. JaskoGroup Art Unit
1771

Invention: COMPOSITE ELASTOMERIC YARNS AND FABRIC

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	13 -	20 =	0 x	\$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0 x	\$42.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

- ☒ No additional fee is required for amendment.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5425
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Dated: December 10, 2002

Signature

Joshua R. Slavitt, Reg. No. 40,816
SYNNESTVEDT & LECHNER LLP
1101 Market Street
2600 Aramark Tower
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2950

Tele: (215) 923-4466
Fax: (215) 923-2189

CC:

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited
on Dec. 10, 2002 with the U.S. Postal Service as
first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the
Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.
20231

Patricia M. Frisoli
Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

Patricia M. Frisoli

Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence